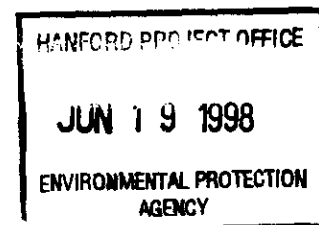


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Mr. Douglas R. Sherwood
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Dear Mr. Sherwood:

**RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST ON THE SPENT NUCLEAR FUELS (SNF)
PROJECT DATED JUNE 4, 1998**

In a letter dated June 4, 1998, from your agency and the State of Washington, Department of Ecology (Ecology), to me, a request was made for information regarding specific documentation associated with activities of the SNF Project. The request was made pursuant to provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), Spent Nuclear Fuels Project Division (SFD) has compiled the information you requested and included it in three attachments to this letter. Attachment 1 contains a cover sheet for each of the 11 items, including a brief description of the information request, and the core information embodied in the respective documents. My staff has communicated to me that you have informed them that your office would be responsible for sharing any of the provided materials with Ecology, as needed. Accordingly, this cover letter will be the only correspondence transmitted to Ecology as it relates to this request.

As a result of the magnitude of information contained in the SNF Project files, RL and Fluor Daniel Hanford, Inc., (FDH) met on several occasions with representatives from the Hanford Project Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It was agreed that this process would aid the parties in more fully understanding EPA's expectations and to provide the information in a format and context that best fulfills the needs of the your agency. Subsequently, Larry Gadbois, EPA conducted a review of the SNF Project files and identified specific documents EPA requires, at this time, which comply with item 8 of the information request; e.g., correspondence between RL, FDH, and Duke Engineering and Services Hanford, Inc. (DESH), that is associated with the SNF Project scope, cost, and schedule. In the event that EPA determines that additional information is required relative to item 8, or any other project information, contact Bob Holt, SFD, on (509) 376-9989.

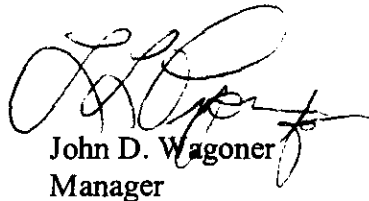
During the review of the SNF Project files, Mr. Gadbois made a request for a copy of a document that is classified under our safeguards and security program. The document is entitled, "100K Area Spent Fuel Storage Basin Vulnerability/Risk Analysis," HNF-97-00033, dated July 1996. EPA staff may review this document, provided that they have been granted an "L" (level 5) security clearance. If it is still EPA's desire to review this document, please have a member of

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your staff possessing the appropriate security clearance contact Jim Spracklen, Director, Safeguards and Security Division, on (509) 376-7441. Attachments 2 and 3 contain Confidential Business Information between RL and FDH, and between FDH and DESH, respectively. The information in Attachments 2 and 3 is to be maintained as Confidential Business Information, in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(a).

If you have any questions regarding the information provided, please contact me, or your staff may contact Elizabeth D. Sellers, Director, SFD, on (509) 376-1465.

Sincerely,



John D. Wagoner
Manager

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Attachments (3)

1. Responses to information request from USEPA
2. FDH Contract and Redaction Clauses
3. FDH/DESH Confidential Business Information

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